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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Programs Staff, Office of Special Activities

SUBJECT : Capitulation on TAG BOARD

REFERENCE : Memo from D/NRO for Program Director "B".  
Dated 26 April 1963; No Subject

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1. Colonel Ledford and I would appreciate it if you would turn your prose loose on a paper for AD/OSA's signature to Dr. Scoville, pointing up the undesirability of attempting to run the R-12 and TAG BOARD Programs in the same building at Burbank. The ideal would be to point up the problem of the unresolved question of TAG BOARD management and operations to DD/R and exhort him to settle this issue (on our terms, naturally) with D/NRO for once and for all.

2. The way things seem to be going on TAG BOARD reminds me of the behavior of the Communists in Laos; i. e., announce that we will have a cease fire agreement in a few weeks and then launch simultaneously a military offensive without declaration in order to grab as much territory as possible before coming to the conference table. I am afraid Pete has a weak reed in the form of a month's old letter from Dr. Charyk telling DD/R to proceed with the feasibility on TAG BOARD for  as our "charter". I am not too sanguine that we can talk D/NRO out of USAF control of TAG BOARD at this stage of the game, but I would rather see us go down fighting than to "make like a cookie" as the steam roller charges over us. Someone some day may climb all over DD/R for having allowed the covert potentialities of TAG BOARD to have been sacrificed to the overt legions of USAF. Please give this one your best touch. 25X1

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